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DAVID O. McKAY NOW PRESIDENT LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH

President David O. McKay was ordained and set apart as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Salt Lake Temple, Thursday, April 12, 1951. Ordination was by Joseph Fielding Smith, senior of the Twelve, and all Apostles participated.

Pres. McKay then set apart his two counselors, Stephen L. Richards and J. Reuben Clark, and Joseph Fielding Smith as president of the Twelve Apostles.

These brethern had been sustained in these positions at the "Solemn Assembly" of the Priesthood Monday, April 9, 1951.

Since 1934 President McKay has served as second counselor in the First Presidency, with Presidents Grant and Smith. He was made an apostle in 1906.

Pres. David O. McKay

He began life on a small farm in Huntsville, Ogden Valley, September 8, 1873, a son of hardy, faithful pioneers, David McKay and Jennette Evans. David O. McKay's grandmother was Ellen Oman, hence the middle name of our president, Oman.

While a U. of U. students, David O. lived at the home of an English lady named Riggs. Her daughter, Emma Ray Riggs, later became Mrs. David O. McKay.

At his graduation he was valedictorian of his class, age 23. That year he went to Scotland on his first mission, becoming Glasgow Conference President in 1898.

Then followed teaching at Weber Academy, marriage, and becoming superintendent of the Academy; and assistant superintendent of Weber Stake Sunday Schools, and in 1906 at 34, ordained an apostle by President Joseph F. Smith, general superintendent of YMMIA, member of the Church Board of Education, serving two years as Church Commissioner of Education.

Elder McKay spent the year 1920 on a special assignment to tour all the missions of the world in company with Hugh J. Cannon. Thus he traversed all oceans except the Arctic, crossed the equator three times and visited every mission except the South African. He dedicated the land of China for missionary service of the Church.

As counselor in the First Presidency, Elder McKay has had direction of the great missionary program of the Church and supervision of the missions.

Civic work has also had his attention; regent of U. of U. and of UAC and BYU; Red Cross board, chairman of Utah Council for Child Health and Protection, and president for nine years of the Utah State Centennial Commission that planned and directed the year-long Utah state celebration period of 1947.

Add to these facts his position as director of two large banks in Salt Lake City, of a fire and a life insurance company, the Hotel Utah, and president of Layton Sugar Company and one has a picture of a great man's busy life.

He and his sweetheart wife are parents of two daughters and five sons, two being medical doctors. Elder and Mrs. McKay celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 21, 1951. On that occasion he summed up the three greatest blessings one can have: 1—a good heritage, 2—a choice mate, 3—the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Liahona Lodge Rally: Dinner, Camping—Fishing Equipment Demonstration Scheduled For May 28

Twin themes for the Liahona Club's coming unique dinner-program meeting in San Leandro's newly dedicated chapel now read, "Complete the Liahona Mountain Lodge for Dedication July 24, 1951" and "LDS Youth Camps at the Liahona Campsite, Summer of 1951." These are immediate goals now confronting the Club for the current season.

A full-course dinner served by the San Leandro Relief Society at $1.50 per plate will also aid the ladies in more completely furnishing their Relief Society room.

It will also be a pleasure for the Club members to inspect the newly dedicated ward chapel.

Address of the evening: "Camping, Hiking, Fishing in the Stanislaus Forest," by a representative of the U. S. Forestry Service, showing large maps.

During and following the dinner will come a unique series of demonstrations. One will be a demontsration by the Scouts on the proper making a warm bed in the mountains, featuring bedding down Marion G. Stephens of the Club. (We hope to insure Marion G. a warm sleep up there next time). Other demonstrations will show the latest in caming and fishing equipment, and in wearing togs for canyon camping.

A mulligan stew contest judging will close the evening of fun and entertainment. Samples of their respective stews will be brought by the three new directors' districts to be tasted and voted upon by the members at the dinner.

At the April 23 meeting of the Club two new members received their Club pins: Clyde W. Lindsay and Ross McClellan. Before the meeting adjourned it separated into three sections to elect leaders of three new directors' districts. The result was Sam Scott, chairman of the Berkeley district; Ira Call, chairman of the Oakland-Dimond—Alameda district and Leonard Lyons of the district comprising the rest of Oakland stake. These districts will hold district get-togethers before May 28 meeting in San Leandro and serve their mulligan stew made by the local Scouts.

San Francisco Stake News

As a Stake Welfare project the combined wards of the San Francisco stake put on a huge rummage sale April 23 and 24. Held at Larkin hall, in the Civic Center, it was well patronized with satisfactory results.

Particularly successful was the Stake MIA Spring Dance Festival held March 20 in the Stake recreation hall.

Under the direction of Carl and Louise Anderson, stake dance directors, and before a large and enthusiastic audience, a colorful and lively program was presented. The Andersons, who have more than 200 folk and square dances in their repertoire, selected dances from many countries and of many periods. Authentically costumed, they made up an unusually fine program.

Two groups of dancers, adults and MIA Maids performed the folk dances and for variety a ballroom waltz exhibition was given by the M Men and Gleaners of the stake under the direction of Beatrice Grow of Balboa ward.

Started only two years ago as an Elders' project, the weekly folk dance, under the expert leadership of the Andersons has branched out to become part of the MIA stake program. The excellent dancers developed here are in demand for historical pageants, many of the couples taking part last summer in the huge San

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Berkeley Stake Budget Theatre Presents Thrilling Popular Entertainment at Berkeley's Grand Community Theatre Tuesday Evening, May 8

Berkeley Stake is again stirred and thrilled from center to circumference. Three great events appear as the strong causes of this unusual animation—two past, one just rising over the horizon, the marvelous A Capella Choir from the Brigham Young University which will appear May 8 at the grand Berkeley Community Auditorium.

Thursday, April 18, saw the Berkeley chapel crowded with an estimated near 1,000 record attendance to hear the world's greatest archeological authority on Middle American antiquity, Dr. Alfred V. Kidder.

Sunday, April 29, another record breaking audience of 1150 gathered in that same chapel to hear the newly sustained president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Joseph Fielding Smith.

A far greater audience estimated at 3500 will gather Tuesday evening, May 8, at California's most famous and cavernous city auditorium, tops in every modern show house accomodation. This great structure will be aglow with flood lights and filled with shining eyes and eager faces gathered to hear western America's greatest A Capella Choir on tour from the Brigham Young University.

The choir of 70 voices, whose members come from many states and from Canada, has among its members sixteen talented singers from California. Under the direction of Prof. Newell B. Weight, the choir has been molded into a well-integrated group of singers all of whom have been select-

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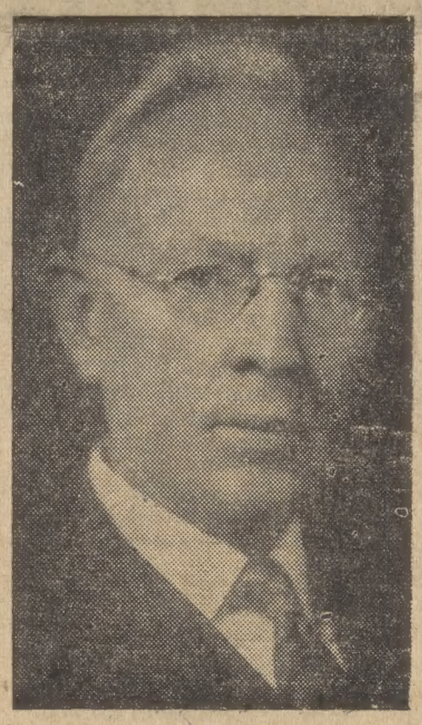
BERKELEY STAKE CONFERENCE

With choral music from the Pittsburg Ladies' Chorus under the leadership of Harry Oakes, and accompanied by Sister Barrus and short addresses from visitors Delbert F. Wright, president of the Oakland stake, Williaim F. Edwards former president of New York stake and now Dean of Commerce. BYU, and Alfred W. Uhrhan of the General Welfare Committee, an address by Stake Pres. W. Glenn Harmon and main address by Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles the Berkeley stake Conference, 1150 strong, met Sunday morning at ten, April 29, in the Berkeley chapel.



Joseph Fielding Smith

Contrasting the prognostigation of one national magazine at the time of President George Albert Smith's taking office as Church president that his administration would be marked by mediocrity; and the headline of another national periodical at the time of the president's death, "The passing of a Saint," President W. Glenn Harmon quoted the classic words of Paul written after many years of his labor to bring the Gospel to the educated as well as to the more humble, "For ye see your calling, brethern, that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called, but God has called the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

Ponted out was that in his simple way of loving everyone and seeking to share with them the Truth that had lighted his soul, President Smith had become one of the nation's best loved characters by the time he passed to his reward.

"Each man has the same amount of the commodity called 'time' as any other person on earth. But

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Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED M. FONTANA.

President Hilton A. and Hazel Robertson of the China Mission, have established headquarters in San Francisco since being called out of China by the Church. The beautiful new Mission Home is in the Sunset District at 1800 17th Avenue. From here the Mission will operate in San Francisco's Chinatown.

The Robertsons will be the speakers at Dimond ward on June 3rd.

President and Sister Robertson spent Sunday, April 22, with Geo. and Marjorie Collins of Alameda, whom they met years ago in the Hawaiian Islands. George is the administrator of the Alameda Hospital, and a right fine job he is doing as a business manager. He also is making friends for the LDS Church. George is a former missionary to Hawaii and a past bishop and at present a fine instructor and teacher.

The Dimond ward set a high standard in entertaining the Aaronic priesthood and the girls of their ward. An excellent program including a fried chicken dinner with sumptuous trimmings was served this year (I hear some boys enjoyed the chicken to the sixth helping).

Last year a ham dinner and the year before a turkey dinner! No wonder it helps all the quorums and most of the individuals qualify for awards. The stake youth trophy is now held by the Dimond ward. Who will receive it next?

Elder Jerry Crandall of Alameda sends word from the Canadian Mission that he has been assigned to the Indian division. He has sent home for appropriate clothes stating his travel will now be by horseback. Congratulations, Jerry, on being senior elder.

A lovely party honoring our outgoing stake Relief Society President, Hilda Perkins, and her board will be held May 18. The Relief Society women of the stake and their husbands are invited. Place will be announced later.

2 Recent Weddings

The Deseret News has carried a photograph of Miss Jean Ranker, who will become the bride of Paul T. Gardner in a temple marriage in June. Both are U. of U. students, she is majoring in fashion design at the University and Paul plans to enter Law School in the fall.

The News also carries a beautiful photograph of Donna Lundell, who is now teaching school in American Fork. She becomes the bride of George W. Sorenson of Berkeley Second ward, who is attending the BYU and will be graduated in June with a major in landscape gardening.

Business News

● Dennis Lauper is a puzzled person lately and the Messenger takes the blame. We ran an ad in the place of his, understanding that he had so requested us. But on re-reading his letter we found he had ordered that we run the new copy of his ad as he was enclosing it. Our mistake was that we turned the ad copy wrong side up and did not see Dennis' new ad, but we did see the ad of a restaurant out in San Leandro, and so ran that copy, thinking that Dennis had decided to favor them with his space for some reason or other, perhaps to ween them into permanent space users. How did it come about that Dennis' ad copy had this other business on the reverse side thereof? Well, both these ads ran in the Star-Time Varieties program, one exactly backing the other from opposite sides of the sheet.

● Bro. Max McBride out at 17057 Via Piadras, Hayward, says he has some paying territory open for dependable LDS in his Fuller Brush territory.

● LeRoi B. Gardner, the Berkeley realtor on Solano avenue, announces that June E. Ellis and Jack H. Boyd have joined his sales force.

● The three LDS realtor offices of Jos. C. Eyring, LeRoi B. Gardner and Frank Parsons are sales agents for the residential sites now being offered in Marina Vista, the name given the tract owned by the Berkeley stake as

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David A. Krogne Dies

Impressive funeral services were held April 7, 1951, in the Berkeley Chapel for one of Bear Lake County, Idaho's stalwart pioneers. He died April 5th at the age of 88 at the home of his daughter, Lois K. Woolley, in Fresno, California.

Mr. Kroge was well known in the Berkeley ward where he had been a regular attendant for seven or eight years—making his home during the winter months with his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream. He spent the past six months with his daughter, Nelle K. Hughes, at Menlo Park, California, and had enjoyed good health up to within a few hours of his passing. After his attendance at Sunday School in Palo Alto, the Sunday before his death, he accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to Fresno for a visit with his youngest daughter and family.

He had a keen mind. One of his hobbies was memorizing and repeating choice passages of scripture and literature. He was a school teacher for 16 years, having graduated from the BY College in Logan.

He is survived by by two sons, Emerson D. Krogue, of Salt Lake City, and Evan L. Krogue of Washington, D. C.; four daughters, Louise K. Hulme of Manti, Utah; Lucile K. Ream of Berkeley; Nellie K. Hughes of Menlo Park, and Lois K. Woolley, Fresno; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Bloomington, Idaho, where funeral services were also held on April 9th.

CHORISTER TRAINING COURSE
Begins 2:30 p. m., Sunday, May 6, Berkeley Chapel

All Church Choristers and Prospective Choristers of the Berkeley Stake are Invited Cordially to Attend an Eight Weeks Intensive Training Course Without Cost, Beginning at the Berkeley Chapel May 6 at 2:30. This is under the direction of the Stake Music Committee composed of Nico D. Snell, Lloyd Johnson and Paul Summerhays. Those who enjoy singing, and wish to develop the spirit and skill of conducting group singing are cordially invited to attend next Sunday.

The co-operation of the bishops and all concerned in any organization of the Church are urged to help and encourage many to enroll. Kindly look about for hidden talent among the young people of the wards.

No one needs to fear to enroll, for they will be taught from the beginning, and will enjoy themselves. The Lord will be pleased with efforts to develop one's talents for the furtherance of the work of the Lord through music. Few things are more important than music in the church and the home. This course will enrich one's whole life.

PRES. McKAY DEDICATES JOINT GRIDLEY CHAPEL, STAKE HOUSE

From Church Section Desert News

GRIDLEY, CALIF. — The combined Gridley Ward chapel and Gridley Stake house was dedicated by Pres. David O. McKay Sunday evening at impressive services attended by 1180 persons which represented 40 per cent of the stake population.

This was Pres. McKay's first out-of-state appearance since he became president of the Church and his first visit to Gridley since 1910. He was royally welcomed by the many Latter-day Saints in this area as well as hundreds who came from neighboring communities to greet the Church leader and listen to his instructions.

Presiding Bishop LeGrande Richards represented the General Authorities at the Gridley Stake conference which preceded the dedicatory services. President McKay attended the Sunday afternoon session as well as the evening meeting and spoke at both conference sessions and briefly in the evening meeting.

Open house was held at the magnificent edifice the Friday evening before it was dedicated at which time more than a thousand visitors including many prominent citizens viewed the new building.

The handsome structure is of frame construction stuccoed without, so built to satisfy earthquake requirements in that area. It accommodates a large chapel capable of seating 250 and a large roomy social hall which with the stage and vestibules can be pressed into service for overflow audiences.

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ALL IS WELL?

Editorial from Church Section Desert News

Anciently Nephi warned the people of our day to avoid complacency, saying "all is well in Zion." He made it clear that we must actively fight against sin.

With this as a theme, Elder Ezra Taft Benson in a recent general conference set forth standards which every Latter-day Saint should honor. So clear is his statement, that we reproduce it below:

"We should not be pacified and feel in our hearts that we can sin a little, that we can attend to our meetings part of the time, that we can pay a token tithing, that we can live the gospel when it is convenient, and all will be well. We must not be 'at ease in Zion' and say, 'Zion prospereth; all is well.' But we must live the gospel plan every day of our lives in its fulness. Therein is safety.

"We need to be humble. We need to be grateful. We need as families to kneel in family prayer, night and morning. Just a few words added to the blessing on the food, as is becoming the custom in some parts, is not enough. We need to get onto our knees in prayer and gratitude, as Alma admonished. (See Alma 34.) We need the spirit of reverence in our houses of worship referred to by President McKay in his beautiful address last night at priesthood meeting.

"We need to keep the Sabbath day holy. We need to close our businesses on Sunday, and as Latter-day Saints, refrain from making purchases on the Sabbath except in cases of emergency. We need to refrain from going to moving pictures on the Sabbath, and if we are operating show houses, we should close them on Sunday. We should not seek pleasure in any form on the Sabbath day. We should stand firm in opposition to Sunday baseball and other amusements, regardless of what much of the Christian world may do.

San Francisco Ward

Easter Sunday service brought out one of the largest crowds ever to attend San Francisco ward. More than 700 gathered to hear the morning service.

Several new officers have been appointed to the MIA. Lorin Richards is the new first assistant, taking the place of Brother Whipple, who has been appointed president of the Elders' Quorum. Brother Fairchild is taking the place of Thomas Morgan as secretary. Dorothy Paxman is a new Bee Hive teacher and Sister Sullivan the first counselor to President Margaret Lambert. Darlien Merrill is the Young Women's secretary.

Gordon Yates from Fort Ord and Alroy Flack from Camp Roberts are regular week end visitors at the ward. Clifford Kay, second assistant in the Sunday School has been home on furlough and now is back at sea for three months.

Visiting at Relief Society April 25 were Sister Deane White and Marian Hobson of the Stake Relief Society board. Other visitors yere Sister Chase of Provo and Sister Wilkins, from Big Horn, Wyoming.

A wedding of great interest took place April 13 when Lavon Thomas and Henry Pardini were married. The ceremony and reception that followed were held at the home of their close friends, Joe and Ruth Brown. Another friend, Allan Carlyle, decorated the home with flowers. Lavon's sister, Carma Wright, came from the BYU in Provo to attend her and Neil Sorenson was best man. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Claude W. Nalder.

Ellen Merrill has been in Salt Lake City for several weeks caring for her critically ill invalid mother-in-law.

After looking at the earth for six days we need the Sabbath in which to look up.

Mission Ward News

Edward A. Burley, ward clerk of Mission ward has been critically ill since April 19, and is at present in the San Francisco Hospital. Brother Burley is well known in the Bay area having lived in San Francisco since 1923. He has been a member of a bishopric and has served Mission ward as clerk for 25 years, a record for church work in this stake.

A new and interesting Sunday School class for Spanish speaking people had its beginning in Mission ward on April 22. Parley L. Rich, who recently returned from the Brazilian Mission, is the capable leader. Spanish speaking people in the bay area are invited to attend.

San Francisco Stake Scout Camporee was held Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at camp Tam-Rancho in Marin county. There were about 50 scouts in attendance. Frank Heiss, chairman of the Explorer committee, Edward Howard and Louis Calentano were the directors. Most of the boys arrived by dusk Friday in time to participate in the bonfire program. Saturday was given to contests in various scout skills, demonstrations and general outdoor fun, preparing the boys to be self-reliant and safe in the open country.

Ward Conference was held April 15. Many of the stake officers were present at the meetings. The music was under the supervision of Ida O'Brien and exceptionally fine.

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Program Announcment For Group At Stake Priesthood Meeting Now Assigned For The Period of Leadership Meeting on Third Saturday Each Month.

A special gospel discussion class for the stake priesthood (who are non-assigned during the hour period following the monthly priesthood meeting) has been established under the supervision of George Olsen of the high council and with I. B. Ball as class discussion leader. All holding the priesthood are expected to attend this monthly stake priesthood meeting held on the third Saturday of each month at 7:30 in Berkeley.

PROCEDURES

No lectures will be tolerated: only equitable class discussion with no one "hogging" the time: class held only 60 minutes and dismissing on the dot. (Misunderstanding at April session).

DISCUSSION FIELD

Subject matter: The Articles of Faith, anchored to Doctor Talmage's text, but moving freely into new fields of approach or points of view. Sub-text: Nelson's "Scientific Aspects of Mormonism."

REPORT OF FIRST DISCUSSION NIGHT—(Apr. 21.)

Held open discussion of Rev. 3:20 and John 14:23, "I stand at the door and knock. If any man . . . open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." What enrichment does this offer each day?

PROSPECTUS FOR NEXT MEETING—3rd Saturday in May May 21st

Topic: "Foundations of Faith:" Prepared by reading Talmage's Articles of Faith pp. 96-104. Assigned sharing: each come prepared to relate briefly one modern instance of faith's fulfillment. Wilt not this be a rich fare for the mind and soul?

Santa Rosa Stake Official Roster

Bishoprics for five wards of the new Santa Rosa Stake were set apart by Elder Joseph F. Merrill of the Council of the Twelve.

Napa Ward bishopric: Allan C. Wooley, Rex T. Candland, Ferrin L. Francom. Carquinez Ward bishopric: David A. Harris, James D. Johnson, Lorenzo H. Milton. Vallejo Ward: Vernon C. Newman, Evan J. Powell, Wilford G. Zundel. Santa Rosa Ward: Cloyd R. Moss, Kenneth Kenworthy, J. Edward Briscoe, Ukiah Ward bishopric: Lee Southwick, Victor L. Porter, William J. Mordon. Petaluma Branch presidency: Hogan I. Adair, James M. Christensen, Philip E. Garrett.

Also: Harry S. Cragun as stake clerk.

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BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

Thursday, May 3—Grand Inter-Stake Picnic—Combined program with Santa Rosa and Oakland Stakes. Details to be announced.

Friday, May 4—Inter-Stake Talent Night—Oakland Ward Recreation Hall—Berkeley, Oakland and Santa Rosa participating—8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5—Inter-Stake Dinner-Dance—Three stakes participating—Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall—6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6—Combined Stakes Testimony Meeting for all M Men-Gleaners—Berkeley Ward Chapel—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 14—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19—Stake General Priesthood-Leadership—Berkeley Chapel for entire Priesthood. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25—Stake Bee Hive Swarm Day, Berkeley chapel 8 p.m.

Claremont Ward

BY GLADYS HAYASHI.

FLASH! The greatest news of the year has just reached us from Salt Lake City. Claremont yard has received, via telegram from the presiding bishopric's office on April 24, the green light to start construction of its new chapel, to be located on Stuart street near Telegraph avenue. The plans as presented by Dean Price, architect, have been approved, and work will commence as soon as the working plans are completed.

An open house was held on April 19 by Sisters LaVern Bain, Gertrude Lowry and Emma Webb (of Long Beach), for the many friends and relatives of their mother, Sister Nancy Rawson, who was celebrating her 75th birthday. A lovely cake bearing the customary "Happy Birthday" and the numerous congratulations and good wishes extended personally and by wire, mail and phone combined to produce for Sister Rawson a truly happy birthday. The affair was held at the Rawson home.

The conference and dedication ceremony of the newly constructed Gridley ward and stake chapel in Gridley, California, on Sunday, April 22, was the occasion for the trip taken by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair to that city. The visiting dignitaries from Utah who were present, included President David O. McKay, who performed the dedication ceremony; LeGrande Richards, and A. S. Pond, representing the Brigham Young University. Inasmuch as this was the ward attended by Sister Blair upon her arrival in California from Arizona in her childhood, this event held special significance for her and served also as a reunion with friends and relatives. Needless to say, the Blairs had a wonderful time.

Two of our ward members who will don the traditional cap and gown for commencement exercises at Brigham Young University on June 4 are pretty Barbara Burgan, who will receive her teaching certificate, and "preferred man" Ken Leth, who will receive his Bachelor's degree in the major of banking and finance. After the exercises, Barbara and her parents, the Frank Blairs, will proceed from Provo to vacation in Wyoming, Southern Utah and Los Angels. Ken's lovely finance, June Nielson, will journey to the "Y" for this impressive occasion. (We are eagerly awaiting the disclosure of their wedding date).

The MIA is losing a very capable leader with the resignation of Orlando Bowman as president of the YMMIA. For the past two years he has contributed much to the successful operation of the organization, and it is with regret that we report that due to other responsibilities he is unable to continue in this capacity. We appreciate what you have done, Orlando, and look forward to having you with us in Mutual again.

We are happy to announce the baptism of David and Paul Leighton and Virginia Wilder.

Don Wood, Jr., spent the latter part of April vacationing at which time he was able to go through the temples in Canada, Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City.

Word has been received from Marjorie and Earl Remington that they are presently located in Spokane, Washington, where Earl is stationed with the Air Force as flight engineer.

Pearl Wehrlie, who has been teaching the Junior girls in MIA, has moved to Sacramento. We appreciate the help that Pearl has given and are sorry to lose her, but wish her every success in her new endeavor.

Darlene Dangerfield is now secretary of the Relief Society. Appreciation is extended to Anne Widtfeldt for the assistance she rendered in this position prior to the birth of her youngest.

Berkeley 1st Ward

We have three new babies who were blessed on Fast Sunday. Elizabeth Susan Ashley, blessed by Bishop LeRoi Gardner; David Paul Bastow, blessed by Brother Leslie Stone; and Katherine Ann Radcliff, blessed by Brother Eugene Gibbs.

Vida Frances Phair was confirmed a member of the Church by Dilworth Jensen. Vida's fiance, Paul Thomas, also a member of the Church is studying at the University of California.

The First Quorum of Elders also has three new members: William Ashley, Robert Franklin Williams and Jack Vassar.

With conference and business trips we have missed quite a few of our members this month. Leslie and Dorothy Stone have been on a pleasure and business trip through the Northwest. Mary Huish visited with her mother in Springville, Utah. The Eyrings, the Rocks, the Harmons and the LeRoi Gardners attended Conference. We are happy to have them back with us again.

Brother and Sister Wayne Mayhew are in the east and have visited with Wayne and Joan. Wayne is a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia. They have established themselves in an apartment off the base and Wayne is doing outstanding work and is making a fine record for himself.

There are two more of our young men called back into the service. Douglas Haines leaves from Seattle and will train in Hawaii. Martha Lea will stay with her mother and father in Berkeley. Dale Nielson leaves very soon. Irma and the two boys will go with him. Lots of luck to all of you.

The Welfare Bazaar was a wonderful success. We did very well financially and all who attended had a marvelous time. Special thanks go to the young folks who worked so hard to make the booths so much fun; also, to Brother Rock who was chairman of this annual event.

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Berkeley 2nd Ward

By June Ellis

The big date is set for Saturday, May 12! You won't want to miss the finest Variety Show ever put on in the Berkeley ward. Old time and modern vaudeville skits by the auxiliary organizations and special talent imported for the occasion promise to make this a lively evening.

Here are a few of the fine numbers outlined for the program: The Singing Mothers, the Berkeley High quartet, who sang on the Hormel program over the National Broadcasting System recently, composed of Mary Ann Ellis, Laurine Ellis, Jean Crawford, Margaret Mowat and Pat Groff, who plays the bass accompaniment; the Deancons' Quorum fashion show (what an eyeful this will be), Al Leota specialty number (a real professional); elders' quartet with Hal Gaisford, Sam Holmes, Glen Spencer and Roy Clovis; Readings by Gene Gibbs and Barbara Green; Karen Jarman, acrobatic dancer of note and a special feature flicker skit with Scott Barrett & Co. Special musical interludes will be played by Helen Clovis. There will be several more individual numbers and surprise stunts. No admission charge but a silver offering will be most welcome at the door. What a show! Far better than a movie! Done forget the date—May 12, Saturday evening, Berkeley ward chapel.

The Relief Society cake sale and refreshments booth will be on hand to take care of that sweet tooth!

The committee in charge of this great show are the following: Roy Clovis, Ned Clyde, Dorothy Stone, Kay Baer, Joan Hickman, Maxine Pickett, Shirley Eastman, Gene Gibbs and Cliff Boyack. The program promises to be fast moving, with no waits between acts. See you there!

The Aaronic Priesthood restoration anniversary special program will be held on Sunday evening, May 13. The young boys and girls will take full charge of the program.

Relief Society closes the end of May. During the summer a work day will be held on the second Thursday. All visiting teachers can make their report at this time.

The welfare sewing assignment has been completed, thanks to the faithful few who spent many hours at the welfare building.

Alameda Ward News

By GAYLEEN CLAYSON.

The Relief Society Bazaar, April 27, was indeed a worthwhile affair. Besides the bazaar, dinner was served between 5 and 7 and movies were shown for the children.

Primary Conference will be held May 6 and will follow the Children's Friend theme. All parents are invited to attend and watch their childrenform.

We are happy to have as our new Sunday School Superintendent Bro. Gardner. His counselors are Arnold Smedley and Kalmar Porter.

Mary Lou and Kal Porter have a new addition in their family, a 9 pound baby girl. A baby boy came recently to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cathro.

Spring is here and cupid, too. Congratulations go to: Lowell Jensen and Barbara Cowin, who were married on April 21; also Connie Dunford, who became the bride of Donald Bentley on April 22; and Jayne Smedley, who recently became Mrs. Bill Burcovich.

The Junior Gleaners had an enjoyable evening at the banquet on April 21. Congratulations to Alameda on receiving first place for the most attractive table decorations.

Alameda Drama Festival was held on May 1 and presented in the form of an old time Minstrel Show, under the direction of Nyle Seavers.

The names of all Alameda ward officers will be listed in the new stake directory as well as stake officers.

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Many Interesting Things Related of New Santa Barbara Stake President

Pres. Arthur J. Godfrey of San Luis Obispo, is president of Santa Barbara Stake, the 184th and newest stake in the Church created recently from two districts in the California Mission.

Not only is President Godfrey almost the youngest stake president in point of service but also he presides over one of the longest and narrowest stakes in the Church, it being a narrow 200-mile strip of land along the Pacific coast.. His is one of the smaller stakes of Zion, its membership totaling only 2309.

A scholar, student, educator and leader both in and out of the Church, the new president was born and reared in Murray, Utah. He attended the Utah State Agricultural College at Logan. In 1948 he was awarded his master's degree from the USAC.

Upon graduation he taught agriculture in the Jordan School District and moved to California and taught school at Colusa and at San Luis Obispo City Schools. Since 1939 he has been the supervising teacher for agricultural education at the California Polytechnic College located in San Luis Obispo. He is now a member of the advisory council to the California State Commission for vocational education.

Churchwise President Godfrey has been just as active and has gone just as far. Following his graduation from high school he spent three years as a missionary in the German-Austrain Mission from 1926-1929. When he moved to California, he was named a member of the Gridley Stake high council as well as stake Sunday School superintendent. He held these two positions for six years. In 1945 he became president of the San Luis Obispo Branch.

President Godfrey has been actively engaged in Boy Scout work for many years and is president of the Santa Lucia Area Council. He also has been an ardent worker for Aaronic Priesthood boys and teenage girls in the Church.

In 1933 when he returned from his mission, President Godfrey married Leah Probst in the Salt Lake Temple. They have one son, Dale, who at 14 became an Eagle Scout. He is now 17.

Sunset Ward News

The bishopric of Sunset ward has been selecting a theme for the services each month. During April it was "Observance of the Sabbath Day" and during Priesthood and Sacrament meetings the following brethern spoke on that subject: Richard Pugmire, Charles Hess, Irvin Macdonald, James Challis, Charles Friel and Hyrum Crofts. The theme for May is to be, "The Lord's way, as it pertains to the temporal welfare of the Saints."

Geraldine Ivie, who has just completed a mission in the Texas-Louisana mission, will speak in Sacrament meeting April 29 and give a report of her experiences.

Lt. Colonel Woody Herbert has been appointed head of the ward service men's committee. Biship Ritchie has requested names and addresses of all ward service men be given to Brother Herbert. He lives at 1429 12th Avenue and his telephone number is Overland 1-6214.

Kathleen Young recently returned home from a visit to her daughter in Berkeley, Michigan, where she welcomed a new grandchild.

Ordinations in the Priesthood this month were Lamont Williams, (his wife Thora, recently became a member of the Church), Ronald Ray, teacher, and Franz Marquardt, deacon.

Ward conference has been set for May 20.

Sunset ward is happy that the new Chinese Mission Headquarters is within our ward boundaries. President and Sister Hiton Robertson and five missionaries have established their home at 17th Avenue and Noriega street.

San Francisco Stake

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Francisco Centennial pageant at the Presidio.

The M Men-Gleaner Girl Banquet had an unusual and interesting theme this time. Held April 20, the "Gala Fiesta" idea was carried out in the decorations of the hall, the program and the expertly prepared Mexican food. Lewis Stone was toastmaster and special numbers were presented by Lorraine Wilkinson, Helen Whatcott and the San Francisco Stake Folk dancers who did some Spanish dances. Basketball awards were made by Stake Superintendent Dick Palmer, he entire affair was under the direction of Neal Sorenson and Lyle Rasmussen. Dancing to the music of Bob Wynn and his orchestra completed the evening.

A new welfare sewing schedule has been set up. Each of the five wards will take one day of each week, sewing at the welfare center from 9 a.m. to mid-afternoon, or whenever the assignment is completed. The wards will take the days as follows: Monday, Balboa; Tuesday, San Rafael; Wednesday, Mission; Thursday, San Francisco; Friday, Sunset.

Recently set apart as Stake Missionaries were the following: Gaurdello L. Hunter, his wife, Mae Hunter, and their son, Evan G. Hunter, James R. Johnson and Ella Johnson, all of Mission ward, and Laurie Rogers of San Francisco ward.

Herman Schettler, the Stake Clerk, and his wife, Bessie, are very happy people, for recently they moved into their lovely new home in the beautiful Pinelake district.

When Palo Alto stake put on a road show they sent to San Francisco for the judges. Veda Bramwell, Hope Peterson and Lorraine and Wells Wilkinson went down April 13 to act as judges.

President Nell Marie Benson of the Stake Primary, announces a new member has been added to her board. Virginia Pearson will be in charge of the Trail Builders. April 23 a board meeting and luncheon were held at Sister Benson's home honoring Patricia Richards. Sister Richards, who is in charge of music, was presented with a sterling silver picture frame, a gift for her coming baby.

Monday, April 30, the board and ward presidents met together to discuss the new all-year program. A new feature of the regular Union meeting, is that each is held in a different ward. First in Sunset, the second in Mission and on May 7, the third will be held in San Francisco ward. By becoming familiar with each other's meeting places and by each ward having a turn being host to the others, it is felt a greater degree of friendliness is developed among these women who work so diligently with our children.

PRIMARY

A contribution was made to the children's hospital in Salt Lake City upon the passing of Brother Williaim Merrill of San Francisco ward. The Stake Relief Society organization, instead of flowers, sent a sum of money in his name.

Forrest Greene, superintendent of the Stake Sunday School and Glen Brewer of the Balboa ward Sunday School drove to Salt Lake City for the general conference. They were accompanied by Sister Green and Sister Brewer.

Good news for the Teen Agers is that the Stake MIA is planning another of those wonderful parties to be given in the near future. The date will be announced soon.—Jean Lauper.

A Capella Choir

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ed by exacting private audition. They are the finest singers the student body of 5000 has to offer.

Through this choir has had only a short history it has already upheld the tradition of fine music as an outstanding part of the BYU's many activities.

Professor Weight is particularly well qualified in the direction of choral groups. Graduated from the Brigham Young University with a Master of Arts degree in music, he has successfully directed choirs for a number of years.

The program of the A Capella singers will include selections from the works of Palestrina, Bach, Brahms, Niles, Bretchaninoff and many others. And in addition the program will include a number of delightful solo and small ensemble numbers. The choir has among its membership some excellent pianists, vocal soloists and expertly trained trios and quartets.

Among the soloists slated for special numbers is our own Maryann Murdock Mendenhall, mezzo-soprano of Napa; Evelyn Russell, soprano, Beverly Hills; Howard Putnam, baritone, Woodruff, Utah; Brandt Curtis, tenor, Solomon, Arizona; Lavenne Thosander, pianist, Maplewood, New Jersey, and several others.

President W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley Stake declares that this will stand as one of the outsanding musical events to be held in this area in recent years. He has particularly urged that all members of the Church take full advantage of the opportunity to hear this great organization. President Harmon also states that the general public is invited to enjoy this charming choir. It is hoped that local Church members will do everything possible to call the attention of all music loving friends and neighbors to this rare event. Beneficiary of this concert of music will be Berkeley Stake's recreation budget fund.

Tickets for the Brigham Young University. A Capelal Choir's great Berkeley musical festival of Tuesday, May 8, are no on sale at Hink's Department Store, the Low Cost Drug Store and Bruener's in Berkeley and by all ward bishops.

Prices are on the popular level of $1.00 and $1.50 so that whole families and groups may enjoy together an evening of high harmony at the huge and delightful Berkeley High School Theatre. This structure, seating 3500, is said to be of such unique beauty that one feels an evening spent there is especially enjoyable.

Balboa Ward News

Balboa is still trying to find a suitable lot on which to build. Situated as it is in an area where a great deal of high class building is going on, lots are at a premium. Bishop LeGrande Richards and Bishop Cummings spent several days last week looking at property.

David Simister is home from his mission to the British Isles and has given some excellent talks at several of the wards.

Leona Hales, choir director of the ward, has gone to Denver for a visit of several months with her family. Brother Hendershott is taking over the choir in her absence.

A real loss to the ward is the moving to Modesto of Elden Peterson, his wife, Alice, and their four children. Brother Peterson is a Scout executive and has been transferred to that area. The Petersons have been very active in the ward and will be missed.

Sherman and Carolyn Storm are parents of a new daughter, their second child.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SHORTS

Business News

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part of the large acreage purchased for the building of a stake tabernacle. For only two weeks or so will the members of the church have the exclusive right to select their own desired lots before the tract is thrown open to the general public. This period of exclusive privilege cannot well be extended too long if the stake is to enjoy the advantage of the spring season for buying property by people in general.

● Joy Briscoe, former member of the Maxwell Park ward and laundry proprietor in Oakland, is now laundry manager at the Sonoma county hospital. The Briscoes live in Santa Rosa. He recently addressed a meeting of the hospital department heads.

● Homer Stout became a grand father for the third time on April 15. Homer's daughter, Mrs. Earl, who serves as secretary for the Stout Bros., has moved back to Berkeley again from Concord.

Lloyd Johnson of Oakland's Lura-Glo Laboratories has purchased new machinery and equipment and employed a very valuable chemist with seven years' research experience behind him working under "Bob" Larson at Shell Development Co., and to allow him a little more time to launch a valued new product of sceintific research.

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● The LDS Church's annual budget is about $23,000,000. Total cash welfare expenditures for 1951 were over 3 1/3 million dollars. The Church maintains 1172 stake and ward buildings. During 1950, 259 Church buildings were under construction and 51 dedicated. In addition to the items above mentioned, there were 113 buildings under construction in the Missions and 60 were dedicated.

● "Teach while the rest of the world is taking a vacation," said Harold B. Lee regarding the Primary's Year-round program. The Primary Conference was thrilled by the singing of a 600-voice Primary Chorus. The Sunday School Session heard the marvelous 420-boy-girl chorus which had practiced every Sunday since New Year's Day. The Rick's College Choir of 200 voices planned singing at Saturday Conference sessions was cancelled (on account of Pres. Smith's funeral).

● Pres. Israel A. Smith, of the Reorganized or Josephinte Church attended Pres. Smith's funeral and sat with the family. A banquet later at the Hotel Utah in his honor was addressed by several of our apostles. Eulogies to Pres. George Albert Smith were spoken in the U. S. Senate the day after his death. Speakers were Utah Senators Watkins and Bennett.

Richmond Ward

By NORMA PASSEY.

We held our Ward Gold and Green Ball on March 23, 1951. We had a wonderful crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our queen was lovely Jene Passey and her attendants were Libby Freeman and Norma Passey.

On April 6 we presented our three row," directed by Libby Freeman. The cast worked hard to present it and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

The Ward Dance Festival was held on April 25. There were dance exhibitions and then the entire congregation enjoyed dancing for the rest of the evening.

The Fireside is holding a party on Friday, April 27, at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Wallace J. Wightman. There will be weenies to roast and records to dance to.

Our drama director, Libby Freeman, is spending a couple of weeks in Los Angeles with her parents. She had the measles when we presented our three-act play and was unable to see it. We hope she has a wonderful time on her visit but we miss her.

Edna Mae Brown, who was secretary of the Fireside, has moved with her family back to Washington. We are sorry to see her go although we know she likes it there.

It was a grand opening that the new shopping center in Alameda enjoyed. In this new Maltby Shopping Center at Oak and Santa Clara one of the finest of all is the "Chris Variety Store," owned and managed by Brother and Sister J. Newell Christensen, now of Alameda, but formerly in the bishopric of San Leandro ward. This self-service store features household wares, toys, stationery, notions, drugs, Fuller Paints, Rust Craft Greeting cards.

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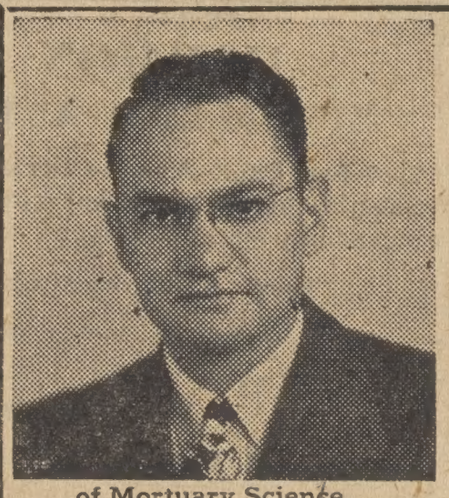
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Funeral of Pres. George Albert Smith

President Smith died Wednesday, April 4, 1951. His funeral was held in the Tabernacle Saturday, April 7, before a huge Conference audience. Pallbearers were members of the Twelve. Pres. Clark said: "Evil slunk away from him. It could not abide his righteous living. . . He would never quit until he had to go to bed." Speakers at the funeral were Presidents Clark and McKay, Elders Spencer Kimball, Matthew Cowley, Pres. Curtis of General MIA, John F. Fitzpatrick and Irene Jones for the Society for the Blind. Elder Kimball said Pres. Smith declared: "I have been intensely interested in doing something for the American Indians." He stated that more Indians attended this conference than ever before.

"April 4, 1951, was a dark day in the lives of the blind."—Irene Jones. "He was an easy man to know. He was a man you would just like to know."—J. F. Fitzpatrick. His last words to me were: "Remember always you can find good in everyone if you but look for it."—Matthew Cowley.

"If you want to know a man, ask his secretary. I can count being the personal secretary of Pres. Smith and living in his home in England 30 years ago, perhaps the greatest privilege and blessing of my life."—Elbert R. Curtis, now Gen. Pres. of the MIA.

President Smith died on the evening of his 81st birthday. His body lay in state in the foyer of the Church Office Building Friday evening and Saturday prior to the funeral.

Burial was in the family plot of the City Cemetery where President Smith now lies buried beside his wife, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, all General Authorities of the Church before him. His great-grandfather was John Smith, a brother of Joseph Smith, Sr.

Pres. Smith was in ill health most of the winter. He was hospitalized February 3, remaining there four weeks. After returning to his home, he grew progressively worse, dying Wednesday, April 4, 1951.

At his bedside were his two daughters (living in Salt Lake City), and his only son, George A. Smith, Jr., who flew from his home in Boston. He is a professor in the Harvard University School of Business Administration.

The passing of President Smith was quiet and attended with little or no suffering.

He stood foremost as friendmaker. Tho frail in body and never in robust health, he was energetic and forceful.

He was a champion of youth, heading the MIA and long devoted to the Boy Scout movement, being on the Executive Committee of National Council of Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Buffalo in 1932, Scouting's highest award.

He had served as president of the Utah Trails and Landmarks Assn., which also erected the great "This is the Place Monument" in 1947 at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

President Truman said of President Smith, "The nation has lost a great man and a good citizen. We shall miss him." President Truman sent telegrams of condolense to the Smith family.

Aksel Larsen Writes

A letter from Brother Aksel Larsen of Grass Valley, Calif., was recently received by Pres. Delbert F. Wright of Oakland stake. This interesting letter sent greetings and a fervent testimony to all east bay friends.

The letter was read at a recent meeting of the Oakland stake presidency and high council, and many friends were happy to hear from Elder Larsen. He is going to the Sutter ward in Sacramento, where he is receiving special doctor's care.

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Carquinez Ward

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Bisop David A. Harris was among those who attended the General Conference sessions in Salt Ltke City. He reports a very inspiring and enjoyable time. While there he also attended the funeral services for our late president, George Albert Smith. Some very interesting moving pictures of the Twelve Apostles, the funeral procession and the many lovely flowers were taken and the movie will be shown at MIA on Wednesday, May 2. All are invited to come and see these pictures.

A very successful party for the Carquinez out-going bishopric was held on the 28th of March. Three long tables, the length of the hall, were laid and every place was taken. After a sumptuous potluck dinner with entertainment between the courses small tokens of appreciations were presented to the bishop and each of his counselors, also the ward clerk.

Another outstanding dance was the Gold and Green Ball sponsored by the MIA. The decorations were outstanding, spring flowers and baskets being the motif. Charlene Newman was crowned queen of the ball with Betty Kershaw, Faye Telford, Vivian Sorenson and Sorina Pedersen as attendants. These girls were all chosen because of their outstanding accomplishments during the year. Little Christie Barrus and Faye Olsen were the flower girls. It was a very lovely party and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Our ward continues to grow in numbers and we want to welcome Waldo Hardison, Sr., and Sister Bolander and daughter, who were baptized on Saturday and confirmed members of the Church in last Fast meeting, also two Bolander children were blessed and given names the same day.

Dale Kershaw, one of our boys who is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center in Minnesota, has returned to his base after spending a 14-day furlough here with his parents, the William Kershaws.

Three other members of the ward, Sisters Edna Hill, Marjorie Lewis and Dorafaye Olsen are back again in our midst after spending a few days in Ogden at the bedside of their mother and grandmother, who is critically ill.

Visiting the Carquinez Primary on Thursday the 19th of April, were five members of the Stake Board. We enjoyed having these ladies with us and believe it is the largest group of stake workers that has ever visited us at one time. We also had a new teacher added to our ranks, Sister Leora Barney .

The home of Sister Virda Wilcox, Primary President, was the place chosen for the party honoring the outgoing presidency and several of tre teachers. Potted plants were presented to the officers and teachers as a token of appreciation for the work they accomplished while they were in office. Games were played and refreshments served. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The Carquinez ward youth were well represented at the group award night held on the 27th, of April, in the Santa Rosa Chapel. Several individual awards were given to our young people. The Carquinez yard orchestra furnished the music.

An A Capella Choir with 70 voices of the BYU, will present a performance at the Vallejo Junior High School Auditorium on May 10. Tickets are on sale at $1.50 per person. The proceeds will be turned over to the Carquinez and Vallejo wards to help on their building program. It is hoped that a large crowd will turn out and support us in this venture.

Roger F. Magleby, a new member of Berkeley First ward and a recent graduate of the S. F. College of Mortuary Science, is now a member of the staff of the Berkeley Hills Chapel located at the corner of Shattuck and Cedar, Berkeley. He is serving as chairman of the ward genealogical

Berkeley Conference

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how do we use it?" asked President D. F. Wright.

Wm. F. Edwards, Dean of the School of Commerce of BYU, said: "Idaho sends the BYU 540 students, California 426, Arizona 200, Nevada 118, Oregon 100, Wyoming 86, Washington 69, Canada 81, Hawaii 64, Mexico 16, while the 14 foreign nations send 181. From Berkeley stake come 12 or 14 students. Of course Utah sends 50 per cent of the total. 95 per cent of the student body of 4200 at the BYU are LDS. 600 are returned missionaries.

Joseph Fielding Smith

The Welfare program takes us back to fundamentals—that of fasting and prayer, and the payments of offerings from the savings of the fast. These two principles are as fundamental as anything in the Gospel. "We're not a praying people, I am sorry to say," declared Apostle Smith, "but our interviews with candidates for missions convince us that the majority of our youth are not praying as they should, and family prayers are neglected, and the bishops tell us that the people do not fast as in old days, especially they do not abstain from two meals on fast Sunday."

When we cry to God after our sins have brought afflictions He is slow to hear us. Why should He not be slow at those times? We have been negligent and must expect to suffer the penalties; learn better and repent. Then He will be close to us again. "If you want to go where God is, you must learn to be like Him" said the Prophet Joseph. Learn to be prayerful and obedient as Jesus was.

When the Lord's disciples failed to cast out an evil spirit, Jesus told them that this sort of spirit came not out except by fasting and prayer. We must fast as well as pray in order to give our spirits closer contact with the Spirit of the Lord.

Mormon Male Chorus

The Mormon Male Chorus, 26 strong, under the leadership of Robert Sant, accompanied by Jay Welch, and with soloist Blaine Wilson, gave a between-session concert and then rendered two numbers which high-lighted the afternoon meeting.

Pres. Emery R. Ranker.

Deeply affected by the late conference sessions and the funeral services for the late President George Albert Smith, Dr. Ranker rendered a report of the meetings and of his deep joy in the Spirit of testimony that the leadership of the Church is under divine direction. He told of his driving out on the highway a little distance away from Salt Lake City and there stopping so he could bend down on his knees before the Lord and thank Him for the privilege of testimony that had come to him at the last General Conference.

Jesse Evans Smith

Sister Jesse Evans Smith, wife of President Joseph Fielding Smith, sang two solos before the sessions of the conference.

Joseph C. Eyring

Elder Eyring declared that more dangerous to the welfare of America are the evils that are within and among our own citizens than the threats of the vast powers without our borders. Hence the greatest patriots at this time are the preachers and doers of righteousness.

Dimond Ward News

DONNA PIERCE.

Oakland High School had four trophy winners and eight certificate award winners from the achievement awards program, sponsored by the Bank of America. Clyde Russell was chosen as trophy winner in science and mathematics and also won a certificate award in laboratory science. As trophy winner Clyde is now eligible to compete with other city high school winners. The judgings are conducted solely by educators and civic leaders upon the basis of scholarship, character, school activities and leadership. Good luck, Carl; we hope you bring home some of the $8,000 to be shared in the East Bay region.

The Dimond award dinner was held for our boys and girls on April 19. The number receiving awards was exceedingly high. Our teachers have the recognition of receiving the only stake award. High honors were paid to Byron Barber for 100 per cent attendance to all meetings. We are very proud of all our boys and girls! Keep up the fine records.

Bishop Smith and wife, June, have just added a new daughter to their household, making a total of four lovely girls.

It's good to see Hazel Allen up and around again after a recent operation. Grace Jackson is home now and doing well after an operation. On the sick list is Bro. Kest. We wish them all a speedy and complete recovery.

Gene Harris and wife, Irene, our recent Sunday School Superintendent and Junior Sunday School superintendent have just purchased a home in Maxwell Park ward. We dislike to lose these good people. Linford Pearce, first assistant, has been chosen the new Sunday School Superintendent. As his counselors he has chosen Carl Sewell and Frank Eggertson. We wish these brethern well in their new responsibilities.

Sister Edna Torgenson, our Relief Society president, has chosen as her work director, Rose Clark.

The Relief Society has received letters from Ruth Hilton and Winnefred Phelps, thanking all the ladies for the lovely cards and hankies. Ruth is in Scotland and Winnefred in England.

Just barely arriving in time for the Messenger news was Christopher Blake, a new son of Ann and Bill Powell. He was born on April 23. This makes a grand total of five, four boys and one girl for the Powells.

● While Don C. Allphin, the Maxwell ward jeweler, was attending the general conference with Mrs. Allphin, they had the joy of seeing his son, Richard, and family. Don is putting in the Benrus watch line, including the famouse Benrus calendar watch. Don does lots of work for railroad men and carries a line of "railroad" watches.

● J. Craig Robertson, who is proprietor of the Rug Clinic at 1638 E. 14th St., Oakland, has now joined the family of Messenger advertisers. He has a fine business in his line.

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Five years of devoted labor have gone into this two-volume opus covering the growth and activities of the Church members in fabulous California. The volumes are full of pictures of people, chapels, and thrilling events; its narrative is a combination of fact and pulsing story. Its documented history will place our people in dignified perspective and win for them the state and local recognition so richly deserved.

Let the work find a welcome in every LDS home and be open to our children and our neighbors so that proper comity may be rendered a great and growing segment of the commonwealth that is California.

The Deseret News Publishing Co., Salt Lake City, are receiving orders, we are told.

Oakland Ward News

By LOUANNE WRIGHT.

Ardyth Farnsworth represented our ward at the Stake Green and Gold Ball March 30 and made a very beautiful queen; her escort was Richard Bliss. Oakland ward attended with flying colors. After the dance everyone went to Betty and Darrell Monson's home for refreshments and fun, which really climaxed he evening.

Although a bit late, we congratulate some new parents of the ward. Duel honors go to Mama and Papa Pierce, Ernie and Bernie Adams, Beverly and Jim Call, Oral and Victor Grow; also to Brother and Sister Higham, who are two new members of Oakland. Yes, Zion is growing.

Everyone in the ward was very sorry to see Brother and Sister Dale Bowen leave us and move to Palo Alto. Sister Bowen's Mutual class and Fireside group gave a party in which she and her husband were the honored guests at the Darrel Monsons. Dale's Elders' Quorum also gave a very nice "going away" party. The event was held at the home of David and Maurine Funriman. All enjoyed the games, the food and the fun. Best of luck to the Bowens; we hope they will visit us often.

Several people from the ward attended general conference in Salt Lake. Among those who went were: Bishop and Phyliss Warnick, John Hughs, Presidents Norberg and Wright, Ed Kingsford and Pearl Bliss. It is too bad more of us couldn't have attended this unusual and spirited session of conference.

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A Monthly Chapter by I. B. Ball.

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TODAY'S TOPIC: MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

The angel Gabriel had declared to Mary that her cousin Elizabeth (perhaps her aunt) "hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren."

The record says that "with haste" Mary arose in those days and went to visit Elizabeth. Of Elizabeth and her temple-serving husband, Zacharies, we learn, "they were both righteous, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

Hence it was that when Elizabeth heard the voice of Mary as she entered the home "she was filled with the Holy Ghost and she spoke out with a loud voice, "blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." And she added, "As soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy."

Here we behold a most remarkable visit of one good woman to another, conversing upon and concerned only with high and holy themes, and hence filled with joy and the testimony of heaven.

It was an historic event, unique in all literature: these mothers-to-be of Jesus and of John, His forerunner, filled with a preview of the holy missions of the Christ and the "Baptist."

Mary's inspired response to Elizabeth's fervent greeting has long been accepted as a classic of inspired beauty and is commonly known to Bible students in the Latin phrase, "The Magnificat." It is thus designated because Mary began, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." She continued: "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

"For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

"For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

"And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

"He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

"He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

"He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

"He hath helpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

Tht last six sentences of this poem of praise are repeated to this day in many Christian churches and are worthy of being stored in one's memory as precious jewels from heaven's treasury.

The form of The Magnificat truly is that of Hebrew poetry; two reiterated statements in each sentence. It reveals righteous Mary as having already read deeply and treasured in her memory much of the rhythm of Israel's choice prophetic passages.

We are told that Mary abode with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her own home. The imagination alone must picture the hallowed communion of those two like-minded women as they enjoyed this kindly visit: youthful, helpful Mary waiting on Elizabeth, now an expectant mother in her old age. Mary, no doubt, bore all the heavier household duties and administered help and comfort up to the very time of Elizabeth's receiving her prayer-sought babe.

Worthy mothers in Israel, examples of lofty aspiration to the ages!

Shall we not, likewise, always remember Him 'that we may always have His Spirit to be with us," as the sacramental prayer concludes? Amen.

Missions Report Rapid Progress

Mission presidents from four nations met Wednesday with the General Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during General Conference.

To a man they reported progress in their missions. Baptisms increased as much as 214 per cent in one mission.

Pres. Ray E. Dillman, Western States Mission, reported 417 baptisms last year compared to a previous high of 195.

DANCES HELP

"Gold and Green Balls" have been a great help in attracting interest.

Pres. Benjamin L. Bowring of the Texas-Louisiana Mission reported a 163 per cent increase in baptism, 180 per cent increase in tracting, 240 per cent increase in cottage meetings. He said 13,039 persons were given the Book of Mormon last year, compared with 3400 the previous year.

Pres. Lorin F. Jones, head of the Spanish-American Mission said the people of Spanish-American blood are more receptive to the missionaries and open their homes more freely than the Americans do.

Pres. Floyed G. Eyre of the Canadian Mission said basketball had been the greatest single factor in winning support for the missionary program in Ontario.

"That team gave us three or four times as much publicity as we ever had before. It was one of the finest things we ever did," he said.

BAPTISM DOUBLE

Pres. Lucian M. Mecham Jr., reported baptisms have doubled in this, his first year as head of the Mexican Mission. Five new branches have been organized and the first baptisms have been made in San Salvador during the last weeks.

Pres. J. Robert Price of the Central Atlantic Mission reported his missionaries have baptized 2000 during the three and one-half years he has been mission president.

Each missionary averages seven hours a day with non-members of the Church. "We averaged 55 cottage meetings per missionary last year," he reported.

Pres. Waldo M. Anderson of the Northern States Mission reported he now has 223 missionaries and 4750 members in his seven districts. A great deal is being done among the Indians.

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Napa Ward News

NAOMI O. CANDLAND.

Mary Ann Murdock Mendenhall was home from her work and studies at the Brigham Young University during the Easter vacation and returned to her home at Provo with her parents, President and Sister Murdock, who attended conference at Salt Lake City.

Glen Olive was home from San Diego for a furlough after completion of his naval basic training. He accompanied his mother, Madge Olive back to Salt Lake City for conference.

Other conference visitors were Brother and Sister George Bruerton, Bishop and Siister Allan Woolley, Brother and Sister Roy Stubbs, Sister Nancy Soper, and Brother Rex Bridges. Brother and Sister Frank Gunderstrup enjoyed conference on their return from a trip to Detroit, where they purchased a new car.

Sister Laura Nightwine was happy to receive a newspaper photo from the Oakland Tribune showing her son, Teddy, who is stationed with the Marines at Korea, relaxing before the crossing of the 38th Parallel. Teddy is pictured in a full pack uniform relaxing against some rocks.

Relief Society was held April 10 at the home of Bishop Allen Woolley and had a festive touch added to commemorate Sister Emma Elder on her birthday. She is the eldest lady in our ward.

The Explorers challenged the adult men of the ward to a basketball game on April 18. The score was 21 to 20 in favor of the adults. We are mighty proud of the games our Explorers have played and won the past season, and they are mighty flashy in those new green suits.

We are very pleased at being able to have the Brigham Young University A Capella Choir here May 11. We are expecting a record turnout.

Our MIA Maids put on such an outstanding performance of the play, "I'd Like Dating if it Wasn't For Men," for opening exercises at Mutual, that they were asked for a repeat performance at MIA stake leadership at Santa Rosa.

Sister Henry L. Petersen, wife of Patriarch Petersen, is recuperating from an operation at the home of her daughter in San Leandro. We all are wishing for her a speedy recovery and hoping they will be home with us soon.

Brother and Sister Stan. Memmott have recently received a letter from their son, Lorne, who is with the combat engineers stationed at the present time at Ocan, Korea. He is well, but lonesome, and thinks it will be sometime before he will be able to come home.

Bishop Allan Woolley says that one of the statements made at the conference, which impressed him, and that he would like to pass along to all of us, is: "Live the Gospel and gain a testimony that will stir men into action. By doing this our accomplishments will be many."

Berkeley Stake Gleaner Girls Picture In Berkeley Daily Gazette April 20, '51

A large and clear three column picture of eight Gleaner Girls of Berkeley stake who were honored at the annual stake Green and Gold ball appeared in the Berkeley Gazette of April 20, 1951, with the following caption:

"Eight Gleaner Girls of Berkeley stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) will be honored at the church's annual Gold and Green ball tonight in the Scottish Rites ballroom, Oakland. The honorees, selected because of their achievements in the Gleaner Girls' theme of spiritualized recreation and because of their upholding of the standards of the church during 1950-51, are, front left to right, Laura Summerhays of Berkeley, Julaine Lott of Rodeo, Jene Passey of Richmond and Lorraine Miles of Claremont. Back row, Shirley Haslam of Martinez, Carma O'Driscoll of Walnut Creek and Leola Esperson of East Richmond.—Sent in by Anna Patton, stake reporter.

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Hayward Ward News

By ANNE LIVINGSTON.

Hayward Ward Divided! April 15, Presidents Wright and Norberg came to Hayward to divide the ward and create a new ward, Castro Valley ward. The dividing line from the San Leandro ward is 150th avenue. The line running east and west out Foothill Blvd., to Mattox Road to E. 14th out Castro street. The ward on the east side is Castro Valley ward. Bro. Ben Lamkin was ordained its bishop with Bros. Irwin Bodily and Edward Shurtliff as his counselors, with Geo. McNeil as ward clerk. In the Hayward ward (west side) Bro. Orval Ossler is bishop with Max McBride and Dacel Mathews as counselors and Marion Smith ward clerk.

President Wright was very generous in his praise of Bishop W. J. Webb and his counselors for the fine work that has been done in Hayward—mainly the building of our beautiful chapel. We were sorry to have our bishop released but he has already been appointed to the High Council.

The remaining amount to be paid on our chapel will be divided equally between the two wards. It will be interesting to see which ward finishes first.

The Centerville Sunday School will remain with Hayyard ward.

Elder Reed Welchoff, who has been in Switzerland on a mission, is coming home. He has done an outstanding work there and only bad health brings him home early. We will certainly be happy to have him here but are sorry for his sickness.

Clark Ray, seaman second class, died very suddenly April 3 in Berkeley. He had been receiving his oversea shots Monday; Tuesday he was dead. The coroner's report was acute pulmonary edema. The funeral services were conducted by the Church, and he was buried in the National cemetery at San Bruno. Clark was the son of Anne Livingston. Another son is fighting in Korea.

Brother Ben Lamkin and family were in Los Angeles to bury Sister Jackson, his mother. Sis. Jackson is known to many of the Hayward members and well remembered. Bro. Elbert Brown is sick with a bad angle infection, visitors are welcome. Floyd and Eva Loomis and part of their family had a nice vacation in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Old Mexico. Floyd has relatives there. Ross and Margaret McClellan, Bro. and Sis. Clyde Lindsay and Bishop Webb were among those to attend conference and the funeral of Pres. Geo. A. Smith. It must have been wonderful.

In the organizing and setting up of these two new wards there is room for lots of good helpers. It was Apostle Harold B. Lee in conference who said, "You can measure a man's testimony by the amount of service and sacrifice he is willing to give."

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San Leandro Ward

The month of April finds the San Leandro ward busy in the preparation of another family night, when members will have the privilege of again enjoying good food, pleasant company, and the fine spirit that is always prevalent among us. The usual procedure has been reversed in this instance, however, for the men are preparing and cooking the dinner while the ladies have taken over the sale of tickets. So here's to another success!

Incidentally, have you taken special notice of our new folding chairs in each class room and the interesting 16mm. motion picture projector and screen, all of which was purchased from part of the proceeds of our last dinner. Chairs for the stand, including choir seats, are on order, but have not as yet been delivered.

The MIA Dance Festival held in Alameda on the evening of April 24, was a delightful affair and we are proud of our ward's contribution under the able direction of Sister Helen Noble.

Speaking of the MIA, too much can't be said in praise of our ward Mutual organization. We in the Special Interest Group have learned of the power of speech, we have toured the United States on vacation trips, we have visited Norway and the Scandinavian countries with Sister Verla Sandstrom, we have learned to appreciate the things we take so for granted, such as our electric power and water systems, etc.; we have listened to discussions concerning the authenticity of the Book of Mormon and other religious subjects. As for the MIA Maids and the Bee Hive Girls, their groups have grown in numbers and interest.

In connection with Scouting, which again is a part of the MIA, we are prou dto announce that an Explorer Post is being organized in the San Leandro ward with the following members:

Bob and Lee Christensen, Mickey Ostler, Albert Van Zanten, Harry Kolkman, Jerry Bauer, Tom Martin.

Al Van Zanten, Sr., will act as advisor, Myron Christensen, chairman of the committee, Al Brennan, secretary-treasurer of the committee, and Lou Griffith, committeeman. The installation will be made by the district officials on Tuesday evening, May 8, at which time the parents, of all boys, and their friends, are invited to attend.

Tentative plans are under way to hold a Court of Honor that same evening for the Boy Scouts. Following the meeting, a moving picture of Dimond O Camp in operation, will be shown.

The softball league is getting underway for another season. Our boys are handicapped at the moment, operating without the capable leadership of Bro. Hal Hansen, the athletic director, who is presently in Alaska on business. Good luck, fellows! Hal will make up for lost time when he returns.

May we call your attention to, and publicly thank, Bro. Ray Hadley for the attractive bulletin boards which recently appeared in our Church lobby. These are a sample of Ray's handiwork. We thank you sincerely.

The Ward Teaching program has now been completed. The ward has been divided into six districts and the first and second Wednesday nights of each month set aside for visits to ward members. You need this monthly visit again the Bishopric urges you to receive the Ward Teachers gladly into your home, call your family together and listen to their message.

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Inter-Mountain News Notes

● Dr. George Thomas, 85, President Emeritus of the U. of U. and former professor of economics at the UAC in Logan, died April 11. He succeeded Dr. Widtsoe as President of the U of U. . . . Recent oil and gas discoveries in S. E. Utah have served to boom leased areas of state-owned lands in January to an all-time high. . . . An article in the Sunday Desert News explains the Army testing of new weapons now going on at "Dugway Proving Grounds" on the great Army grounds on the desert salt flats of Tooele County, Utah 92 miles southeast of S.L.C. New flame throwers and new chemical mortars are among those being closely secret.

● Not many people realize that the world's greatest Bird Refuge is on the marshes of the upper end of Great Salt Lake. By Act of Congress in 1928, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge was established and a series of dikes built and eight miles of canals dug. The refuge covers 64,000 acres. It is estimated that two million waterfowl utilize the area during the peak migration season; they are of 198 different kinds of shore and marsh birds. A two lane oiled road leads to this bird sanctuary from Brigham City only 12 miles away, and the sight at times is marvelous to behold, we are told. Salt Lake City has now a new Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital located high on the north bench. Cost $1,200,000.

● Southern Idaho, near Twin Falls, about a million years ago, was tramped by herds of prehistoric ponies. His petrified bones now stand in sprightly pose in the State Museum at Boise and also in the Smithsonian at Washington, D. C. . . . The state of Utah adopted a constitutional amendment providing that the state superintendent of schools shall hereafter be appointed by an elected state board of education. Thus taking this state officer out of politics; a thing California has tried to effect for years.

● Secty. of Interior Chapman in March pointed to the Rocky Mts. as the nation's largest oil shale reserve today. Gov't. experimental plant at Rifle, Colo. has paved the way for private plants in near future. . . . LDS people's "Spring Tour to Hawaii," arranged by Vida Fox Clawson, 966 E. So. Temple St., S.L.C., leaves S.L.S. May 15, and San Pedro May 16, returning to L.A. June 7. Fare (everything paid) is $739.95.

● Utah's Future Population: The five states of the Mountain West (not counting Nevada) grew from over 700,000 in 1900 to over 3,000,000 in 1950. At this same rate of growth, in 2000, Utah will have grown from 686,797 (in 1950) to 1,874,000 in 2000 A. D. and Idaho from 585,000 (in 1950) to 1,600,000 in 2000, and S.L.C. from present 181,000 to 500,000.

● Utah will be able increasingly to manufacture steel products for herself and for export beyond her borders, on account of new sheet steel from the great Geneva steel plant near Provo. . . . In 1950, the big Kennecott Copper Corp., of Bingham and Garfield, Utah, for the first time began refining copper, besides mining, milling and smelting it. Hence, available now for the first time is a local supply for Utah factories at savings of freight. Zinc is not yet refined in Utah, but in Montana and Idaho mining counties. Standard Oil of Calif., has built a 250 mile pipe line from the great Uintah Basin in Utah to S.L.C. and another 700 mile pipe line from S.L.C. to Oregon. "Uintah Basin" rates as the Hottest Spot in western oil prospects" says a trade journal.

Following the old Pioneer route, the Am. Tel. and Tel. Co., is now building its series of 200 foot Radio Towers from Omaha to S.L.C. which will flash in 1951 or 1952, eastern network television across the Rockies.

Utah's adjorned 1951 Legislature squabbled with Gov. J. Brachen Lee over a reduced appropriation bill. Lee says he will veto the bill and recall the Legislature in special session. Possibly the top law accomplishment was a bill designed to bring in $13,000,000 per year for use on the state roads. Utah's old state prison site in S.E. Salt Lake City was sliced into two pieces by the legislature. A 30-acre tract goes to S.L.C. Schools for a new H.S. site, while the remaining 157 acres are given an option to the S.L. City and Co. Commissions for recreational purposes. A great plan for this park has been worked out. Surrounding the huge "This is the Place" monument 177 acres were set up as a state partk.

U. S. Senator from Utah, Wallace F. Bennett, was guest speaker March 21 at the M. and M. Annual Banquet in L.A. Herbert J. Barnes Utah cianner, has been elected president of Nat. Cannery Assn. The B.Y.U. Art Dept. has been presented with an exceptionally fine portrait painting of Orson Pratt, done by his artist-son, Loris Pratt, one of Utah's pioneer artists who secured training at the Julian Academy in Paris. $100,000 is ready for rain efforts by artificial cloud seeding by Southern Utah farmers who are desperate, now suffering the greatest drought of record in Grand, San Juan, and Sevier counties and southward.

The B.Y.U. Basketball team won national fame this season when it won the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) in Madison Square Garden in late March.

Berkeley Stake Serving Project

by Anna Patton, stake reporter

Sister Ellen Haddock of the Berkeley Stake Relief Society reports that the pants-making project at the Welfare House is now nearing completion. During the period, June to Oct. 1950, the Relief Society sisters under the supervision of Ellen Haddock (East Richmond Ward) and Addie Stoddard (Richmond Ward) made 335 pairs of pants.

Then in January, 1951 came the assignment. Since that time these two sisters have worked consistently at the Welfare House five days per week (except one week when they waited for material). The various wards were assigned their particular days to come and help on the project.

The pants are made of sun tan, covet, and corduroy and range in sizes, for "cords" for boys from size 6 to size 16; the suntans and covets are for men, and range in sizes from 26 to 44.

The ladies are now nearing the completion of the 1951 budget of 665 pairs of pants, thus making 1000 pairs of pants sewn, pressed and packed at Berkeley Stake Welfare Center in less than a year! Congratulations to our ladies and their leaders.

Sister Haddock is high in her praise of the women who have come so continuously. It is believed that if the opportunity to learn and to help on these projects was more properly understood and talked about in our wards, the Ward Welfare counselors would find less difficulty in getting the women to respond, and the same regular workers would not have to go so often.

Too much praise cannot be given to Ellen Haddock and Addie Stoddard for their faithful, untiring service.

David Gardener Recital

David Gardener, popular young Berkeley ward organist, will be presented in recital by Eleen Goggin of Alameda, his teacher, in the Berkeley Chapel, Thursday, May 24 at 8:15 p. m.

Vera Meredith will be heard in vocal solos.

The public is cordially invited.

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World Champ Says To Live Cleanly

Lucky indeed were the youth of Emmett Second Ward, Weiser Stake, last Sunday, when they heard Glenn Cunningham, holder of the world's fastest indoor mile record, who was in Emmett for the golden wedding anniversary of his parents. He encouraged youth to live clean lives, live their religion, and "remember that marriage and the rearing of a family is the most important thing in life." The famed Princeton miler attributes his success to determination and the living of a clean life, and by not taking up the habits of smoking and drinking. He said that he could be independantly wealthy today if he had allowed his name to be used in promoting liquor and tobacco, but he said that if he could but keep a few youths from taking up these habits it is worth far more to him than all the money which these interests might pay him.

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Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, world famous archeologist and authority on Middle American antiquity, formerly of the Carnegie Institution and now lecturer of U. C., drew a record audience at the Berkeley Chapel April 18. Shown are Dawna Erickson of Berkeley MIA, Dr. Kidder and Thos. S. Ferguson, co-author "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon."

Dr. Alfred Kidder Lectures On Ancient Ruins Found In Central America

April 17, 1951, was a memorable day in Book of Mormon annals. On that day Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, one of the world's leading archeologists, talked to a large LDS audience in Berkeley ward concerning the great civilizations of Ancient Mexico and Central America.

Six hundred fifty persons were in attendance at the meeting, sponsored by the Special Interest Class.

Dr. Kidder commented favorably concerning the Mormon people. He made particular reference to experiences in Southern Utah during the early stages of his career as an archeologist, fresh from Harvard. Of note were his favorable comments concerning the new book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," by Milton R. Hunter of the First Council of Seventy and Thomas S. Ferguson, Oakland attorney.

Dr. Kidder stated that this book was a scholarly and valuable contribution to the experts interested in the great civilization of the "New World." He said the book was particularly helpful because of the 16th century Mexican and Mayan and Spanish documents which are translated into English and quoted in the book.

During his hour lecture, Dr. Kidder showed a number of beautiful and impressive slides of important ruins in Guatamala and Yucatan where the Carnegie Institute has conducted excavations under his direction.

He won the hearts of the large audience by his warm and friendly manner and keen sense of humor.

Dr. Kidder is teaching two seminars of graduate students in archeology at the University of California during the current semester. Ordinarily he resides at Cambridge, Mass., spending approximately six months each year in Central America.

Someone Said It

Marriage

There are six requisites in every happy marriage. The first is faith and the remaining five don't matter.

Knowledge

Knowledge is what you learn from others; wisdom is what you teach yourself.

Egotism.

An egotist is not a man who thinks too much of himself; he is a man who thinks too little of other people.

Faith

Faith is not belief in spite of evidence; it is life in scorn of consequence.

Education

This is a good time for the colleges to try to work their way through some of the students.

Paul H. Griffith, national commander American Legion: "Education still pays unless you settle down to be an educator."

Fr:dom—Restricted

Chickens have no rights when the hawks are around.

Walt Disney, responding to an inquiry as to the significance of one of his productions: "I don't know. We just make a 'Mickey' and the profs come along and tell us what we've got."

Love

Love: a condition of mind at a time when the mind is out of condition.

Patriarch's Wives

Sister Cora Peterson, wife of Santa Rosa Stake Patriarch Henry L. Peterson of Napa, underwent an operation in April, Dr. Ranker being the surgeon. She has now recovered enough to return home after a rest with her daughter, a nurse, in San Leandro, who was also able to nurse her mother while in the hospital.

Josephine Braley, wife of the late Patriarch Gaston L. Braley, now 86 years of age, makes her home with her daughter, Erva Wilson in Dimond ward. She is well and comfortable and sends greetings to friends far and near.

Grace Fletcher, after visiting with each of her two sons following the passing of Patriarch Harry Fletcher, is now living comfortably in her own home by herself. Her health is improving and she feels well and cheerful. She spent a few days in early April as the house guest of Bro. and Sister Marshall Stoddard of Claremont ward.

FAITHFUL WARD TEACHERS

Nephi Nelson, and Adelbert Kay, high priests of the Santaquin Second Ward, Santaquin-Tintic Stake, have served as ward teachers for a total of 114 years. They still make their visits regularly.

Beneficial Life Co. Gets New President

Thursday, April 2, in Salt Lake City, President David O. McKay was elected president of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company to succeed President George Albert Smith.

A similar election was affected by the Utah-Idah Sugar Company.

The Church holds a majority stock in each of these companies, and the president of the Church always is elected president of each company.

Mrs. Adele Howell Primary Head Dies

Mrs. Howell's position brought her added responsibilities of president of board of directors of the Primary Children's Hospital and editor of the "Children's Friend." She initiated a great radio broadcast — "Children's Friend of the Air."

Her husband, David P. Howell, (died 1939), became very wealthy thru distributions of American films to foreign countries.

Mrs. Howell has given important gifts to education at the BYU and the U of U and has established scholarships to help worthy students.

50 Years' Progress In The Church

The Church population has doubled every 25 years. This could mean 2,200,000 LDS in 1975, and 5,000,000 in 2000 A. D. The Church population gain since 1900 has been 46 per cent. That of the U. S. 21 per cent. There is now one LDS to every 135 persons in America. Church membership as of April, 1951, is 1,111,313. The dual utilization of LDS chapels has come to be common practice since 1900.

Four temples have been erected in the past 50 years years to add to the four existing up to 1900. One of the four new temples is the Hawaiian, 1919, one the Canadian, 1922. Others are the Mesa, 1927, and the Idaho Falls, 1945.

Church Seminaries near high schools and Institutes near universities have come into being in the last 50 years period. Together they enroll over 30,000. Missionary work since 1950 has changed. Radio and projected talking pictures now are used. The Church Radio Publicity and Mission Literature Committee was organized for such work in 1935. Gordon B. Hinckley is executive secretary and General Authorities comprise the committee.

Since 1908, daily tabernacle organ recitals have been given on Temple Square. The Church Music Committee of Apostles, and with Tracy Y. Cannon as chairman, has issued three new song books: LDS Hymns, Recreational Song Book, and The Children Sing. The LDS School of Music, begun in 1919, has trained over 30,000 LDS students. It is now beautifully housed in a gift mansion and called the McCune School of Music and Art.

Since 1936, the Church Welfare Program has grown to really international importance, helping in the U. S. and abroad as needs arise. The Relief Society of the Church has grown from 30,000 members in 1900 to 126,550 in 1950. In 1950 over 182,000 visits to the sick were made, 33,000 articles served and 238,000 hours spent on other Welfare Projects.

In 1936, the same year as the Welfare Program began, the stake missions were organized Church-wide in the 180 stakes; by 1950 enrolling 4420 local missionaries who in that year performed 3824 baptisms. In 1900 50,000 youths were enrolled in MIA. while there were 187,792 enrolled in 1950. They include the largest basketball league in America and greatest programs in staging music, drama, speech, dance and athletic festivals.

In 1900 Lorenzo Snow was president over the Church. Following him (1901) were Joseph F. Smith, Heber J. Grant, (1917), George Albert Smith (1945), and David O. McKay (1951). The Primary has grown from 33,000 boys and girls in 1900 to 151,000 in 1950, The first Primary Hospital was established in 1922. Children's Friend began publication in 1902.

"Mountain Meadows"

Comment By MILDRED M. FONTANA.

If you haven't read the newest book on the Mountain Meadows Massacre, by Mrs. Brooks of Southern Utah, it would be good to save your time for more profitable reading.

After spending what must have been years in research and study and using up a scholarship, she states for reasons for rewriting a story that has been over-written too many times, by saying she has new information on the subject to whet one's appetite to read her sordid tale.

This new material is her own deductions that Pres. Brigham and George A. Smith (Apostle) incited the LDS to perpetuate the deed, not directly, but indirectly, by their teachings. Too bad she used her fine talent for research and writing on such a misguided, evil inspired, old over-hashed, harrowing subject.

Dr. Ray H. Fisher, M. D., (retired, of Maxwell Park,) gave an authentic word picture of Pres. Brigham Young's feelings on the Mountain Meadow Massacre in the Knave editorial section of the Oakland Tribune April 22, 1951, giving his first hand testimony from Edmund Ellsworth, the oldest grandson of Brigham Young, who was with his grandfather when the terrible news of the massacre reached him and how he wept in sorrow.

Thanks, Dr. Fisher for putting another testimony on record of the innocence of the LDS leaders and Church as pertaining to the massacre.

The giant sequoias and the coast redwoods are two distinct tree species.

Great Berkeley-Santa Rosa Stake Trek To Idaho Falls Gains Momentum Here

Berk. Stake News

BY ANNA PATTON,

Stake Reporter.

Berkeley Stake is justly proud of a custom, which is fast becoming a tradition, of "calla lilies for Spring Conference." The stake high priests' quorum sponsored the 1951 project. Response from stake members was excellent and the amount greater than could be shipped. The calla lilies made an inspiring display throughout the conference sessions and added to the spiritual atmosphere of President George Albert Smith's funeral.

Let us, as stake and ward members, give credit not only to the Stake High Priests' Quorum, but especially to the two faithful brethern, I. B. Ball and Thomas Rogers, two of the most overworked men in the stake (and their respective wards). Brother Ball untiringly reminded ward members through the columns of "The Messenger" to plant calla lilies; he gave instructions on their care and culture.

There often seems to be a general attitude of "let Tom do it," when someone is needed and when everyone else feels too busy. And Tom Rogers usually does it in his quiet, happy spirit.

Brother Ball and Brother Rogers gathered boxes, packed and shipped 350 calla lily blossoms on April 3, via Railroad Express and on April 5 boxed and shipped 150 more blooms at a total cost of $15.00.

President Harmon reported that the calla lilies were as good and abundant as when commercially shipped as had been the custom in previous years.

Stake Missions Baptize 3824

A 26 per cent increase in baptisms in the stake missions was attained in 1950. Last year 3824 persons were brought into the Church as the result of the labors of 4420 stake missionaries, and brings to a total for the 14 years that there have been missions in every stake 27,889 baptisms. Last year 5354 inactive members were brought back into activity through stake missionary service making a total of 44,763 persons during this same 14-year period.

'Mormon' Pioneer Memorial Bridge

At the historis spot on the Missouri River where tnousands of early Latter-day Saint pioneers ferried their wagons and teams across from Council Bluffs in Iowa to Winter Quarters in Nebraska, a two million dollar bridge will be built, it has been announced by the Florence Bridge Commission of Omaha.

In honor of those intrepid pioneers, the bridge will be named the "Mormon Pioneer Memorial Bridge." The architectural drawings have been completed, bids have been received by the bridge commission, and it is anticipated in Salt Lake City that by now tht contract has been let.

The First Presidencey has recently received a letter from the commission offering their facilities to help in the erection of either monuments or plaques at either or both entrances to the bridge.

Dr. Blaser's Return Lecture On S.A. Ruins

The Claremont Special Interest group will again present Dr. LeRoy A. Blaser in a second of his most interesting lectures, accompanied by beautiful colored slides which he took himself under the guidance of an experienced archeologist.

Dr. Blaser was in Peru as a member of a U. S. Good Will Commission and thus was able to command the closest expert help in getting these rare pictures.

Dr. Blaser is a scholarly Latter-day Saint, now occupying the position of state supervisor of Instructional Materials. He was formerly School Superintendent at Ogden, Utah. Currently he resides in Hayward where he teaches a Gospel Doctrine class, he being a returned missionary.

Pres. C. Ronald Smith and Com. Chairman Delbert H. Rock are busy on late details of the great annual pilgrimage of Berkeley and Oakland Stakes to do temple work, this year at the newest LDS Temple at Idaho Falls.

From as far out as Livermore ward comes a family of seven who will join the caravan. Two hundred or more is the goal set. Chartered buses and private autos will be available. Enrollment cards are available in each ward and should be filled out immediately.

The caravan will leave Berkeley chapel, after a prayer by President Harmon, by six a.m., Saturday, June 16, and travel to Donner Lake for a rest and then to Winnemucca for an overnight stop, meals, a swim and a street meeting. Sunday School at Elko and Idaho Falls by Sunday night is planned.

Santa Rosa stake is joining with Berkeley and Oakland in this pilgrimage, so that it becomes a grand Northern California Caravan to Idaho.

President Leslie Kilpack of the Idaho Falls temple has written welcoming words. A committee there will canvas LDS homes and also available vacancies in hotels and auto courts so all will be ready to receive the pilgrimage members.

Great posters are being displayed in every ward in Berkeley and Santa Rosa.

The Chosen Few

The Son of God goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar.
Who follows in his train?

Who best can drink His cup of woe
And triumph over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below—
He follows in His train.

A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came;
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame.

They climbed the dizzy steep to heaven
Through peril, toil and pain;
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!

—Reginald Heber.

CHURCH NOTES

A mission home and headquarters for the new West Central States Mission has been purchased and remodeling and alterations are in progress, Sylvester Broadbent, mission president, announces. The two-story home is at 1020 Thirty-first St., Billings, Montana, in a desirable residential section.

Last year 27,888 more persons viisted on Temple Square than in 1949. The total for 1950 was 1,075,042 persons as compared with 1,047, 154 during 1949.

TABERNACLE SQUARE

Perhaps of all the physical features of Temple Square, nothing is more interesting to the inquiring sightseers than the story of the construction and the toil required to build the Tabernacle, particularly the roof.

....They learn that to support the heavy roof there are nine wooden spans which cross the 150-foot-wide building. To allow space for the spans which are made of 3x12 pine planks, there is a space of 10 feet between the ceiling and the top outside roof.

Everywhere that these planks intersect, four two-inch holes were hand-drilled. Into these holes were driven 18-inch pins. The pins were allowed to protrude four inches and were then split. Into these splits were pounded small wedges so that the pins could never work loose. And they never have either, for they are so tight that they can't be turned a fraction. Occasionally the pins were a bit too large which resulted in the splitting of the timbers. To keep the splitting from becoming worse, the timbers were tied with heavy pieces of rawhide, which today are as strong as iron bands .

At both ends of the Tabernacle roof are 13 spans, similar in construction to the nine which run across the building.

Every citizen should take stock of himself and the part he is playing in making this a great nation.

Will Hold Great 2-Stake Genealogical Convention Sunday, May 20 In Oakland

Genealogical committees, bishops and stake officers will meet at 10 a.m. in the opening session of the annual Oakland-Berkeley Genealogical Convention which assembles in Oakland ward Sunday, May 20.

A 2:00 p.m. the session will be thrown open to the public.

Speakers from Salt Lake City will attend and give key addresses.

A full attendance is enjoined and a spiritual feast assured.